

Minutes of the Combined Health and Human Services Committee/Board Meeting

Thursday, September 30, 2004

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Duane Stamsta (Chair), Joe Griffin, Andy Kallin, Bill Kramer, Jim Jeskewitz; **Absent:** Sandy Wolff, Hank Carlson

Board Members Present: Citizen Members Dennis Farrell (Chair), Dick Wutt, Dr. John Guy, JoAnn Weidmann, Mike O'Brien and Supervisors Duane Paulson, Vera Stroud, Joe Griffin, Duane Stamsta

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Director of Senior Services Cathy Bellovary, Senior Financial Analyst for Senior Services Steve Krafcheck, Nutrition Services Supervisor in Senior Services Mary Smith, Deputy Director Health & Human Services Don Maurer, Administrative Services Division Manager Russ Kutz, Long Term Care Division Manager Jack Bodien, ARCh staff members Holli Parrot and Becky Hipp and citizen Judy Middleton

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Public Comments

Vera Stroud distributed handouts from the WCA Conference she recently attended on the topic of Human/Social Services Mandates. One of these handouts included information from Dunn County regarding their waiting lists and a pie chart of their gross expenditures by program area for 2003. According to this chart, 38% of their expenditures for 2003 were in the developmentally disabled program area. Vera stated that she would like to see a similar pie chart for Waukesha County breaking down the expenditures of human service program areas. Lee Esler stated that Vera ask that this topic be on a future agenda. Duane Stamsta stated that Wisconsin is an aging state – we have more deaths than births and not as many immigrants as other states are getting. We also have a large number of elderly family members who come back to live with other family when they can no longer care for themselves. Vera also stated that a number of states that don't have counties run their human service programs and do we have a list of those states.

Citizen Judy Middleton from Pewaukee was here to speak on behalf of the budget cuts to ARCh and how it will affect her two children who currently attend the social functions. Holli Parrot and Becky Hipp, staff members from ARCh, were also here to back the effort to reinstate funding to ARCh to support the socials. This topic will be covered later in the meeting as it is on the agenda.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of August 26, 2004

MOTION: Jeskewitz made a motion seconded by Kallin to approve the minutes of August 26, 2004 with a clarification of the 6th paragraph on page 2. The paragraph will now read, "Mary Smith has been trained as a Master Trainer in the Chronic Disease Self Management Training

program through Stanford University. The State of Wisconsin is looking at incorporating this program into the State Aging Network.” With these changes a vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0.

Executive Committee Report (9-13 & 9-16)

Duane Stamsta reported that at the above meetings capital projects were discussed. This information will be shared with the County Board at a meeting later in October.

Future Agenda Items

As stated earlier, members would like a chart of Health & Human Services expenditures similar to the one handed out from Dunn County.

Announcements

Duane Stamsta announced that on October 7th and 8th, Health & Human Services will be presenting their budget to the Committee.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

Approve Minutes of August 26, 2004

MOTION: Dick Wutt made a motion seconded by Dr. John Guy to approve the minutes with the same clarifications as noted above when the Committee voted to approve the minutes. With these corrections, a vote was taken and the motion passed 9-0.

Announcements

JoAnn Weidmann will no longer be serving as a member of the Joint Conference Committee. Dennis asked is anyone on the board is interested in filling this vacancy; please advise either Dennis or Dick Wutt. The Joint Conference Committee meets on the first Monday of March, June, September and December at 1:30 p.m. at the Mental Health Center.

JoAnn reported that she attended the National Conference of Local Health Departments and Boards and was very impressed. They held open sessions where you were able to talk with other states and how they conducted their organizations. She also stated that our association has worked very well in keeping administrators and board members on the same page whereas many others do not. During the conference it was stressed that you must have necessary staff with the necessary training for day-to-day prevention, i.e. SARS. JoAnn has asked that Peter Schuler provide a copy of the statutory role of the Health Department to board members in order to determine if we are truly meeting all requirements. JoAnn suggested having a representative from WALHDAB come and speak to our board.

Advisory Committee Reports

Mike O'Brien reported that the AODA Advisory Committee heard a presentation on SALS regarding the two ¾ way houses they operate. It is a for-profit company which charges clients a \$150.00 deposit plus \$12.00 per day for room and board. The houses are self-running with some house manager participation. One of the owners lived in a similar setting in Seattle. This may solve our situation in our efforts to run a county participated ¾ way house. There is no county

funding involved with SALS. It is run by recovering people, they can stay for an unlimited period of time. Mike does not know if private insurance would cover any of these costs.

Dick Wutt did report that everyone from Nelson House has moved across the street into the new quarters, but at this time it is still not decided what is going to be done with the other building. There is still discussion about whether to sell it.

Future Agenda Items

Dennis Farrell asked that a list of the recipients of the Community Development Block Grant awards be given out at the next meeting.

JoAnn Weidmann would like to have a speaker give a presentation on environmental health issues at a future meeting.

COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

Status Update on 2004 Objectives for the Department of Senior Services

A list of the Department's Objectives was provided to all members of the committee and board. Cathy Bellovary went over the objectives of the General Fund. Under the second objective, they haven't yet finished the entire bibliography because of other problems with their computer system. This will probably be accomplished by the 2nd or 3rd quarter of next year. The same goes for the third objective as well. Some forms are available on line, but must be printed out and mailed in – they are not interactive. Under objective four, Cathy stated that they are still having a hard time getting to the Hispanic population, but the Barstow Street Clinic has been a big help in getting the word out.

Mary Smith went over the objectives under the Nutrition Fund. She stated that under objective 1, the 20% reduction is actually a 23% reduction. Under objective 2 they had hoped to have 25 people sign up for an exercise and nutrition program in Menomonee Falls and they have 75 participants signed up. Under objective 3, they are currently working with UPS who will devote a day to the "adopt a route" program where they will be delivering meals by uniformed workers in their UPS trucks. Hopefully this will provide some publicity and other companies may offer to do the same. UPS may do this once a month from their Brookfield site. They are losing many of their volunteer drivers because of the fact that children are no longer allowed to ride along because of risk issues. Senior Services will work with Risk Management and Corporation Counsel to consider a waiver. As a result of losing drivers and also to save mileage costs, they will be starting to deliver more frozen meals. When asked about the bids for vendors, it was stated that they are continuing with the same vendor and the cost went down about \$.10 per meal. The cost of a frozen meal will go up slightly due to the supply costs.

Second Quarter Budget Status Report for the Department of Senior Services

Steve Krafcheck went over the budget figures for both funds. The 2004 year end estimate is expected to exceed the modified budget primarily due to an increase in the number of Rideline one-way trips. In the Nutrition Program, the Department estimates an additional 6,047 home delivered meals will be served in 2004 over the budgeted amount.

Status Update on 2004 Objectives for the Department of Health and Human Services

A document was passed out to all members covering the updates on the objectives for all Divisions in the Health and Human Services Department. Don Maurer reviewed this material for the committee and board. The document was 7 pages long and detailed all department and division objectives. Some of the highlights noted in the objectives are as follows: Under Long Term Care Division it was noted that we were able to relocate 10 frail elderly individuals from skilled nursing facilities to community settings utilizing state and federal funding. Under Child and Family Services Division – 57 eligible youth received independent living services and the targeted go-live date for WiSACWIS was met on June 28, 2004. Under Adolescent and Family Services Division, clinical therapists from the Family Services Unit have provided two trainings to Juvenile Center staff and a third is scheduled for October. Also Safe and Sound has obtained a small grant and they will be operating a pilot report center program during the 4th quarter. In the Intake and Services Division ESS staff will remain at WDC due to an acceptable agreement between the county and WCTC regarding rent and operating costs. Operating expenses will reflect a reduction in WDC rent of \$91,300 and the removal of \$90,000 of expenses associated with the move of ESS staff from WDC to HHSC. In the Mental Health Outpatient Services Division a co-pay program was started along with selected case management of high cost medication users in the outpatient subsidized drug program. A \$15.00 co-pay for medication was implemented. As a result drug expenses have been reduced with emphasis on the use of samples, pharmaceutical assistance programs and benefit counseling. Objectives for the Mental Health Center and Administrative Services Division were also reviewed. In the Public Health Division, under objective #3, Public Health has trained and designated a Post-Event Response Team (PERT). Under objective #4, the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) has been amended to incorporate the Public Health Preparedness and Response Plan. A 24-hour 7 days per week professional staff Response Plan has been developed, is in place and has been tested.

Russ Kutz reviewed the budget status report pages with the members of the committee and board. Russ pointed out that year to date charges for service revenue are below 2003 actuals in Fund 150 due to billing delays related to the accounts receivable software implementation. We are working on getting statements to individuals, but the unanswered question is for those people who have not been billed for several months, will they be able to pay when the bill is finally received. Will we be able to recoup that money that wasn't billed earlier? It was pointed out that historically we've had very good payment and collections experience, but will have a more definitive picture when we close the books on March 31st. Russ reviewed Long Term Care, Mental Health Center and Public Health budgets as well.

Jeskewitz left at 3:00 p.m.

Ordinance 159-O-058: Appropriate Additional State and Federal Funding for Intensive and Post Intensive Autism Treatment Services to the 2004 Budget of the Department of Health and Human Services

A copy of the ordinance was provided to all members. Jesús Mireles stated that the Department originally estimated serving 109 children and now estimates serving 161 children (130 on a full year equivalent) at an estimated cost of \$3,185,380. The Department is asking that the budget be modified by increasing general government revenue by \$500,880. The Department will work

with DOA to reword the fiscal note as there was question regarding the \$35,000 which can be claimed for administration.

MOTION: Bill Kramer made a motion seconded by Andy Kallin to approve the Ordinance. The motion carried.

JOINT COMMITTEE/BOARD ITEMS

Wisconsin Counties Human Services Association Meeting Minutes of 7-1-04

Joe Griffin asked that this topic be put on the agenda to clarify the minutes of the 7-1-04 WCHSA Executive Board Meeting. The paragraphs under the topic of “Implementation of Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Reporting (Non-IGT Alternative)” are specifically the area he is referring to. There are so many acronyms that it makes it difficult to read and understand. Don Maurer provided this explanation of the section. He indicated that the State’s intent is to increase federal revenue in order to address the State’s Medicaid deficit. In essence, for a two-year period community aids to counties will be reduced, and be temporarily replaced with Medicaid reimbursement – a cost reporting method which will temporarily replace the Community Services Deficit Reduction Benefit (CSDRB) and Community Based Medicaid Administrative Claiming (CBMAC) revenue streams to counties. Enabling language for this has been included in DHFS proposed budget language, and received WCHSA support based upon promise of a sunset provision (after which Community Aids and the other revenue streams will be restored for counties) and hold harmless (to counties) language. All agreed that this would need to be followed closely to insure that counties aren’t ultimately adversely affected.

Association for the Right of Citizens with Handicaps Budget Update

When the County Executive presented his budget, he added \$8,500 back into the budget for ARCh socials. As a result there will now be 13 socials in 2005 rather than 9. They have been holding 2 socials per month during the 9 months of the school year or a total of 18. Although the restoration is likely to be one year, given state budget deficit forecasting, this will hopefully give ARCh time to look for other funding sources. The biggest cost for the socials is transportation. The school also charges an hourly fee for using their gymnasium for the socials. There has been much discussion on this issue since the budget was presented to the Health and Human Services Board last July. There was discussion at this meeting about possible ways for ARCh to make up the difference, i.e. grant money, raising the cost of the socials, re-negotiating the cost of using the gym with the school, shortening the time of the socials, etc. At the end of the discussion, it was stated that the Board and Committee realize this is an issue of great importance to many clients and their families and not looked upon as a “fringe” service. However, inadequate state funding for mandated programming caused numerous reductions in the Department’s 2005 budget.

BOARD AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Dr. Antoinette Ducrest as Associate Member of Psychiatric Staff at the Mental Health Center

Dick Wutt as Chair of the Joint Conference Committee asked that the board members approve of the appointment of Dr. Antoinette Ducrest as an associate member of the psychiatric staff at the Mental Health Center.

MOTION: Duane Stamsta made a motion, seconded by Joe Griffin to approve the appointment of Dr. Ducrest. All voted and the motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION: Bill Kramer made a motion, seconded by Andy Kallin to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee. Motion carried.

MOTION: Dick Wutt made a motion, seconded by Joe Griffin to adjourn the meeting of the Health and Human Services Board. Motion carried.

Recorded by Kathy Leach.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew J. Kallin
Secretary